September 25, 2009: Congressman Wittman Statement on Terrorist Plot on U.S. Marine Corps Base - Quantico

WASHINGTON, DC - On Thursday, prosecutors in North Carolina revealed as part of a new indictment of two men arrested this past month that the individuals had been plotting an attack upon the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, VA. The men have been charged with "'conspiring to murder U.S. military personnel' in connection with the planned assault on the Marine Corps base" according to the article. Additionally, the men had undertaken reconnaissance and had obtained maps of the base to plan their attack.

"Now more than ever we must remain vigilant in our resolve to combat terrorism on our shores and around the globe. We are fortunate to have law enforcement and intelligence officials working day and night to protect our citizens from those who seek to do us harm. However, our enemies remain committed to targeting our citizens and service members. These arrests highlight my continued call that Marine Corps Base Quantico not be used to house Guantanamo Bay detainees or any suspects at terror trials. This installation is already being targeted because of the presence of military personnel, let alone the added value of fellow terrorists. I remain committed against the move of detainees to Quantico, the Commonwealth, and our Nation."

The article released by Reuters News Service follows below.

U.S. terror suspects accused of targeting Marine base

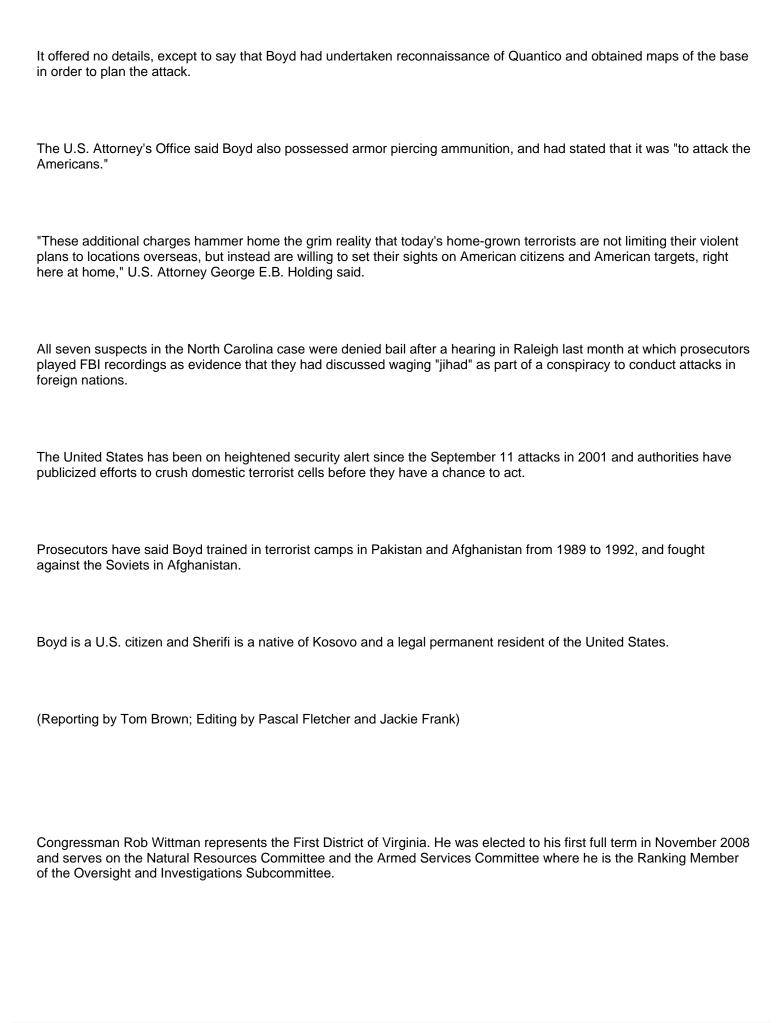
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RALEIGH, North Carolina (Reuters) - Two men charged in North Carolina last month with plotting terrorist attacks overseas also planned to attack the U.S. Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, authorities said on Thursday.

The two were among seven suspects arrested in August for conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and for conspiracy to murder, kidnap, maim and injure people overseas.

A new indictment unveiled on Thursday charged Daniel Patrick Boyd, the group's alleged ringleader, and Hysen Sherifi "with conspiring to murder U.S. military personnel" in connection with the planned assault on the Marine Corps base, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Raleigh said in a statement.

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